GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item under captions `2 breach IGI security, enter runway` and `IGI Se Udan Bharne Wale Viman Asani SeAtankwadion K a Nishana B an S akte Hain` appearing in `Hindustan Times`, May 20, 2002 and `Rashtriya Sahara` dated June 22, 2002 respectively;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the safety of all the airports particularly IGI airport?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On 19.5.2002 one Shamsher Singh Ghising, a Nepali national was caught by CISF personnel onthe perimeter road in IGIAirport, Delhi. Preliminary interrogation suggested that the subject was of unsound mind. A case under section 447 IPC was registered against him and investigation is in progress.

On 19.5.2002 one Mohammad Amir a 13 year child was apprehended by CISF personnel when the subject fell over theperimeter wall while having a look at aircraft inside the operational area. He was arrested on 19.5.2002, but subsequently let off after questioning.

To ensure the safety and security of the aircraft at the IGIAirport, Government has issued orders prohibiting gathering/assembling of people/vendors/vehicles at a stretch of 250 mtrs. back and forth on both sides of national highway(NH)-8.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure the safety of all the airports particularly IGI airport inter-alia include:-

(i) Surveillance and patrolling of the perimeter wall.

(ii) Stricter access control and thorough pre-embarkation security checks

(iii) Deployment of CISF and Quick Reaction Teams(QRT).

(iv) Screening of registered baggage.